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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 11, line 21 and ending page 12, line 15, as follows:

-- Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, a floor mop 20 made in accordance with the present invention is illustrated. The floor mop 20 comprises a mop head 22 having a leading edge 24 and a trailing edge 26. As used herein, the term "leading edge" is intended to refer to the furthest edge of the mop head 22 which leads the mop head 22 when it is moved in a forward direction away from its user. Likewise, the term "trailing edge" is intended to refer to the furthest edge of the mop head 22 which trails the mop head 22 when it is moved in a forward direction away from its user. For most floor mops, the leading edge 24 and the trailing edge 26 are substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis 28 of the mop head 22, as shown in Fig. 1, wherein the longitudinal axis 28 is the axis along the length of the mop head 22. A pivotable joint, such as the universal joint 30, interconnects the handle 32 of the mop 20 with the mop head 22. The universal joint 30 comprises two rotational axes which allow the handle 32 to pivot in directions 36 and 38. The handle 32 is threadably interconnected with the universal joint 30 at the connection 40. The handle 32 can be provided as a unitary structure or can comprise three sections 132, 232, and 332 which are threadedly interconnected with each other so that the floor mop 20 can be shipped within a carton of convenient size and later assembled for use. The handle section ~~38~~ 332 can be provided with an elastic and resilient portion suitable for gripping by a user of the floor mop 20. The mop head 22 also comprises a plurality of attachment structures 42. The attachment structures 42 are configured to receive and retain a cleaning sheet or pad 44 about the mop head 22, as shown in Fig. 2, during use. The attachment structures 42 are preferably disposed at the corners of the mop head 22, although these locations can be varied depending upon the size and shape of the mop head 22. The attachment structures 42 are preferably provided in the form described in copending US application no. 09/364,714, filed August 13, 1999, naming Kingry et al. as joint inventors, now US 6,305,046, the substance of which is hereby fully incorporated herein by reference. The floor mop 20 is preferably used in combination with

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the disposable cleaning sheet 44 which is releasably attached to the mop head 22 using the slitted attachment structures 42. In another embodiment of the invention, the mop 20 comprises a handle 32, a support head or mop head 22 attached to the handle by a universal joint 30, and a container 34 in fluid communication with a liquid delivery system which includes at least a spray nozzle 25 preferably attached to the mop head 22, one such arrangement being described in U.S. patent no. 5,888,006 to Ping et al., issued March 30, 1999, the substance of which is hereby fully incorporated herein by reference. --